UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA **SOUTHERN DIVISION**

	ANSWER	
Defendants.	j	
FRED'S INC., et al.)	
V.)	3:05-cv-01171-MEF-SRW
Plaintiff,))	CIVIL ACTION NUMBER:
MARGARET TURNER WHETSTONE,)	

COME NOW the Defendant, Fred's Stores of Tennessee, Inc., and respond to the Plaintiff's Complaint as follows:

FIRST DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND DEFENSE

Defendant denies each and every material allegation of the Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

THIRD DEFENSE

Defendant pleads contributory negligence.

FOURTH DEFENSE

Defendant pleads assumption of the risk.

FIFTH DEFENSE

Defendant contests damages.

SIXTH DEFENSE

Defendant pleads intervening, superseding cause.

SEVENTH DEFENSE

Defendant pleads improper venue.

EIGHTH DEFENSE

Defendant pleads open and obvious.

NINTH DEFENSE

The defendant pleads lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

TENTH DEFENSE

The defendant pleads lack of personal jurisdiction.

s/ Elizabeth Jackson Elizabeth Jackson (JAC084) Attorney for the defendant, Fred's Pharmacy

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 19, 2005, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/CEF system which I will send notification of such filing to all known counsel of record, including the foregoing.

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s/ Elizabeth Jackson

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